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NDP. Damage control

▶ Carole James, flanked by her caucus supporters, speaks at NDP headquarters in Vancouver Thursday.

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James responds to challenge

The New Democrat Leader announced Thursday that the party would hold an emergency caucus meeting in the wake of a scathing letter from veteran Vancouver MLA Jenny Kwan that called for James' removal and a leadership convention. Story, page 4.

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She whose name is Bart

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One dead, one badly hurt in twin accidents

Two near-simultaneous construction-site mishaps occur within blocks of one another at separate sites in Coal Harbour Deceased victim was crushed by heavy piece of falling equipment

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One construction worker has died and another is fighting for his life after two separate accidents that happened within blocks and minutes of each other downtown on Thursday.

One worker was working on the 30th floor of the Three Harbour Green construction site near West Cordova and Thurlow streets just after 8 a.m. when he was hit by a form used for pouring concrete.

He was killed by the impact, said Donna Freeman, a spokesperson with WorkSafeBC.

"The second incident — and we're not sure what happened first — took place at Canada Place," Freeman said.

"The worker was working on the sails. We're not sure what he was doing but he did sustain a fall of around 45 or 50 feet."

"It's highly unusual for us to see two events of this type in a short amount of time."
DONNA FREEMAN, SPOKESPERSON FOR WORKSAFEBC

The man was rushed to hospital with life-threatening injuries. His status was not known at press time.

Both workers were employed by the same Vancouver-based contractor, Ledcor.

"I've never seen anything like this," Freeman said of the accidents happening so close in time and proximity.

"When the second report came in, we thought it was a repeat of the same one. It's very unusual."

Lee Coonfer, a spokesperson or Ledcor, called the accidents "unprecedented."

The identities of the workers have not been released.

WorkSafeBC is investigating both accidents.

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TransLink wary of new atheist ad

TransLink will be watching its ridership's reaction closely this spring as the Centre For Inquiry (CFI) moves to put controversial advertising on public transit, said TransLink spokesman Ken Hardie.

TransLink's policy not to accept advertising about specific theories or religious ethics — the same policy that nixed a CFI ad two years ago — was recently struck down by the Supreme Court of Canada. That means Vancouverites could be seeing more ads by the CFI and other religious and interest groups in the future.

TransLink does not know how the public will perceive the ads, said Hardie. "We'll just have to wait and see."

Skeptic organization ad questions dogmas

Ethan Clow, executive director of the Centre For Inquiry (CFI) in Vancouver, says the organization's new ads are meant to provoke conversation. It can be dangerous, Clow said, to ignore theories that are backed by years of scientific evidence. CFI wants people to understand the importance of the scientific method in determining the truth, he said. "There's a danger in not being allowed to question deeply held religious beliefs. If you section off religion from scrutiny and criticism, you're giving them extraordinary power in our society," Clow said.

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▶ A proposed public transit advertisement by the Centre for Inquiry, Canada.

Atheist ad no big deal: Vancouverites

Ad paid for by the Centre for Inquiry, whose mandate is skepticism and scientific inquiry ◐ If approved, ad will appear in Toronto in January

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Some transit riders said they wouldn't blink an eye at a potentially anti-religious ad that could appear on TransLink buses early next year.

The ad, by the Centre For Inquiry, states: "Extraordinary Claims Require Extraordinary Evidence." It references Allah, homeopathy, psychics, Christ and other beliefs.

If approved, it would appear in Metro Vancouver public transit early next year.

"I wouldn't have a problem with it," said Vancouver resident Shari Bailey, adding that advertisers deserve freedom of speech.

John Richardson, an electrician from Port Coquitlam, said the ad would at least spark his curiosity.

Bailey agreed, but said she might question the motivation behind the organization putting out the ad.

Some people, however, would definitely have a problem with the ad, said Richardson.

"As soon as you mention Christ, there's a certain demographic that's going to be offended," he said.

Amber Mackereth, a singer and performer in Vancouver, said it wouldn't offend her, even though she went to a Catholic elementary school.

"At least it's something pushing us to think of other things," Mackereth said. "For me and for most people I know, that wouldn't offend anyone."

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Parks board eyes Stanley Park, Coal Harbour for site of proposed memorial

Vancouver's parks board wants the public's feedback on where a memorial to a dark chapter in the city's history should be located.

Parks staff have selected two potential sites for a monument to the 1914 Komagata Maru incident — in which more than 375 passengers from the Punjab were denied permission to land in Vancouver and were forced to sail to India after two months languishing in Burrard Inlet.

Twenty passengers were killed in a shooting exchange.

Parks Commissioner Raj Hundal, calling the incident a "black mark on Canadian history," said the memorial would serve to educate the public and recognize a past wrong.

The monument is funded by the federal government's Community Historical Recognition Program, through the Khalsa Diwan Society.

The potential sites were selected due to their proximity to this historic incident.

One of the sites is in Stanley Park near the Brockton Oval.

The other potential site is Harbour Green Park in Coal Harbour.

Future feedback will help determine the monument's design.

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NDP in crisis, James says she's staying put

James calls emergency caucus meeting Says every MLA will be responsible for their own actions

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Carole James and members of her NDP caucus at their Vancouver headquarters Thursday.

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Despite calls to step down by veteran MLA Jenny Kwan, Carole James made it clear Thursday — she's staying put as leader of the provincial New Democrats.

"The easy decision right now would be to step out," James said at a news conference.

"But, you know, I have never taken the easy road. The people of British Columbia are counting on us."

Kwan issued a letter Wednesday calling for a leadership convention, charging that MLAs have been marginalized under James' leadership.

"For too long there has been a clear lack of direction under the leadership of Carole James," Kwan wrote.

James replied that Kwan had passed up opportunities to discuss her concerns.

"I was disappointed, very disappointed," James said about Kwan's statement. "Every MLA will be held accountable for their actions."

James announced the NDP will be holding an emergency caucus meeting in a few days for members to discuss problems they're facing within the party.

"We'll get through this," James said.

"It's time to get on with the job. It's time we say enough of the divide. It's not serving the people we are here to serve."

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News in brief

Deputy chief awarded

Vancouver Police Department Deputy Chief Doug LePard has been awarded for his efforts in reducing violence against women. LePard is the author of the Missing Women report on the Robert Pickton murders.

KIMIYA SHOKOOHI

Young players get pro tips

Young West Coast hockey players picked up tips from Stanley Cup champions, Olympic gold medallists, and professional hockey coaches Ron Davidson, Ken Hitchcock and Craig Simpson at Pacific Coliseum Thursday.

KIMIYA SHOKOOHI

New police facility in Surrey

A new RCMP facility opened in Surrey on Thursday. The 34,000-square-foot annex, attached to Surrey RCMP's main office, will accommodate about 300 employees. The new facility is named after former Surrey officer Frank B. Pearson.

KIMIYA SHOKOOHI

Man arrested for mugging 94-year-old

A Vancouver man wanted on a Canada-wide warrant in connection with the violent mugging of a 94-year-old woman has been arrested. Police announced the arrest of Sean Anthony Cole, 45, on Thursday.

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Coquitlam camera store robbed

RCMP are asking for help finding the thieves who robbed a Coquitlam camera store in what police describe as an "unusually complex and sophisticated break in." The shop was robbed on Nov. 15.

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Banner one of 15 in Sears stores in Canada

Card sent to soldiers in Afghanistan 'gives them some comfort' at Christmas

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▶ Kuljit Sajjan and her two-year-old daughter Jeevut sign a Christmas card for the troops at the downtown Sears on Thursday.

The wives of several Canadian soldiers are asking Vancouverites to take time out of their busy Christmas shopping to sign a giant card for the troops overseas.

Joanna Stella-LaRue, whose husband spent most of 2008 in Afghanistan, said even messages from strangers have a huge impact on the morale of soldiers separated from their families during the holidays.

LaRue was one of the first people to sign a giant banner at Sears downtown, which the public is invited to sign. The banner will be up until Dec. 8, when it will be sent to Kandahar.

Kuljit Sajjan, whose husband, Harjit, was deployed to Afghanistan last month, signed the card with her two-year-old daughter, Jeevut.

"We often get caught in the politics and we forget those ... who have chosen to fight overseas for their country, at great sacrifice," she said. "(This) card will give them some comfort as they're away from their loved ones (over Christmas)."

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Officers who fired on stolen car to face public inquiry

Stolen Acura attempted to ram officers ◐ Initial review found insufficient evidence of abused authority

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The conduct of two New West police officers who opened fire at a stolen car in a McDonald's drive-thru will be the subject of a public inquiry, the province's police complaint commissioner announced Thursday.

In an effort to stop an attempted getaway, constables Josh Hooker and Gerald Lau fired eight times at the stolen Acura last January, after the car attempted to ram officers. One of the vehicle's five occupants suffered a gunshot wound to the shoulder as a result of the incident.

The two responsible officers now face the possibility of being disciplined under section 77 of the B.C. Police Act, which mandates punishment for police proven to have "intentionally or recklessly used unnecessary force" in the course of duty.

Though none of the car's occupants filed an official complaint with police, New West officials nevertheless instigated a disciplinary investigation of the incident last April.

A review by Vancouver police in July found there was insufficient evidence that the two officers had abused their authority or neglected their duties.

But later in the summer the Office of the Police Complaints Commissioner sought the opinion of an independent use of force expert and determined that public hearing was needed to restore public confidence.

Retired judge William Stewart will adjudicate the hearing, the date of which has not been set.

First Nations. Protest

▶ Chiefs of several B.C. aboriginal bands sing as they march downtown Thursday.

J.J. MCCULLOUGH/FOR METRO

Chiefs decry oil pipeline

More than 60 native groups have come together to oppose what they describe as a "common enemy": the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway oil pipeline that will cut through the Fraser River watershed.

Police probe follows grow-op blaze

Firefighters discovered a grow-op in the suite of an apartment building on East Broadway on Thursday after answering a call to a two-alarm fire.

Smoke was seen billowing from the window of a third-floor suite near Broadway and Clark at around 6:20 a.m., said Vancouver Fire Department Captain Gabe Roder.

"When firefighters made entry to the involved suite, they encountered a marijuana grow operation," he said.

"The cause of the fire is directly related to the grow-op and an investigation is underway."

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Hydro to hike rates 30%

B.C. Hydro is forecasting a rate hike of about 10 per cent a year in each of the next three years.

The bump comes as the utility undertakes the largest expansion of electrical infrastructure in the province's history, to meet a growing demand for power in British Columbia.

The investment cost will be footed by consumers, setting back homeowners who used to pay an average $71 per month, about $7 a year.

"The majority of our generating stations and dams, along with our transmission and distribution, were built in the '50s, '60s, '70s, and are old and aging and need renewal," Hydro president Dave Cobb said in an interview.

"It's a $2-billion infrastructure program, it needs to be recovered from our ratepayers."

Cobb said the utility is still attempting to keep rates manageable in several ways.

"Even though with those increases we'll still have very, very competitive rates in North America, it's our responsibility to mitigate the increases as much as we can," Cobb said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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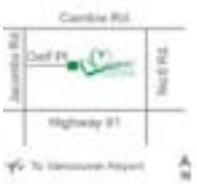

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Hansen launches global effort

Canada's 'Man in Motion' signs research agreement with Israeli clinic for spinal cord injuries

An individual dream became a global reality on Thursday when Vancouver's Rick Hansen signed a research agreement with an Israeli medical centre that shares his vision of a cure for spinal cord injuries.

"It's a practical legacy that in many ways is an international pilot."
RICK HANSEN

The Canadian wheelchair athlete and disabled rights advocate signed the agreement with the Jerusalem-based Institute of Medical Research Israel Canada (IMRIC) as part of the festivities marking the 25th anniversary of his "Man in Motion" world tour, a two-year circuit that saw him steer through 34 countries and raise $26 million for spinal cord injury research.

Hansen said the partnership with Imric marked the first major milestone in his longtime quest to establish a global network of experts collaborating to fight the injury that has kept him in a wheelchair since he was 15. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Capilano. In lights

▶ Christmas lights illuminate the Capilano Suspension Bridge during last year's Canyon Lights event.

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Capilano Bridge in season

The annual celebration kicks off Friday and runs until Jan. 2, and includes glass blowing, gingerbread cookie decorating and a holiday band. For more information visit capbridge.com.

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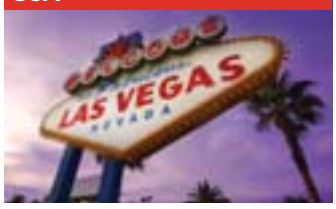

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Seriously, those Wiki leaks are a bit of a giggle

- Merkel's uncreative, Berlusconi's a party boy
- And then there's Gaddafi's voluptuous Ukrainian ...

WIKI LEAKS

World leaders may be doing worldwide damage control amid the WikiLeaks crisis, but for others poring over thousands of secret U.S. documents, there's been an unexpected treasure unearthed .

Laughter.

Springing from the fingertips of buttoned-down American diplomats have been several colourful dispatches about some of the most powerful, most famous and most feared people on Earth, revealing them to be every bit as human as the rest of us.

Britain's Prince Andrew: He puzzlingly boasts about Britain's superior geography teachers at a lunch with the U.S. ambassador to Kyrgyzstan.

Germany's Angela Merkel: She was described as someone who "avoids risks and is rarely creative."

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi: He is "vain, feckless" and a serious party boy whose late-night revelries prevent him from being an effective leader.

Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi: He needs to be accompanied everywhere by a "voluptuous blond" Ukrainian nurse.

North Korea's Kim Jong-Il: In Asia, diplomats quoted sources describing him as a "flabby old chap."

France's President Nicolas Sarkozy: He spent a meeting with the U.S. ambassador chasing a rabbit around his office.

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Oh joy, no joy

- Longtime Canadian diplomat Paul Frazer says his cables stuck to issues — not stories of wild parties.
- "I was in Warsaw in the midst of communism. There wasn't a lot of fun happening."

Ivory Coast. Joy in the streets

▶ Supporters of opposition leader Alassane Ouattara celebrate in Abidjan Thursday.

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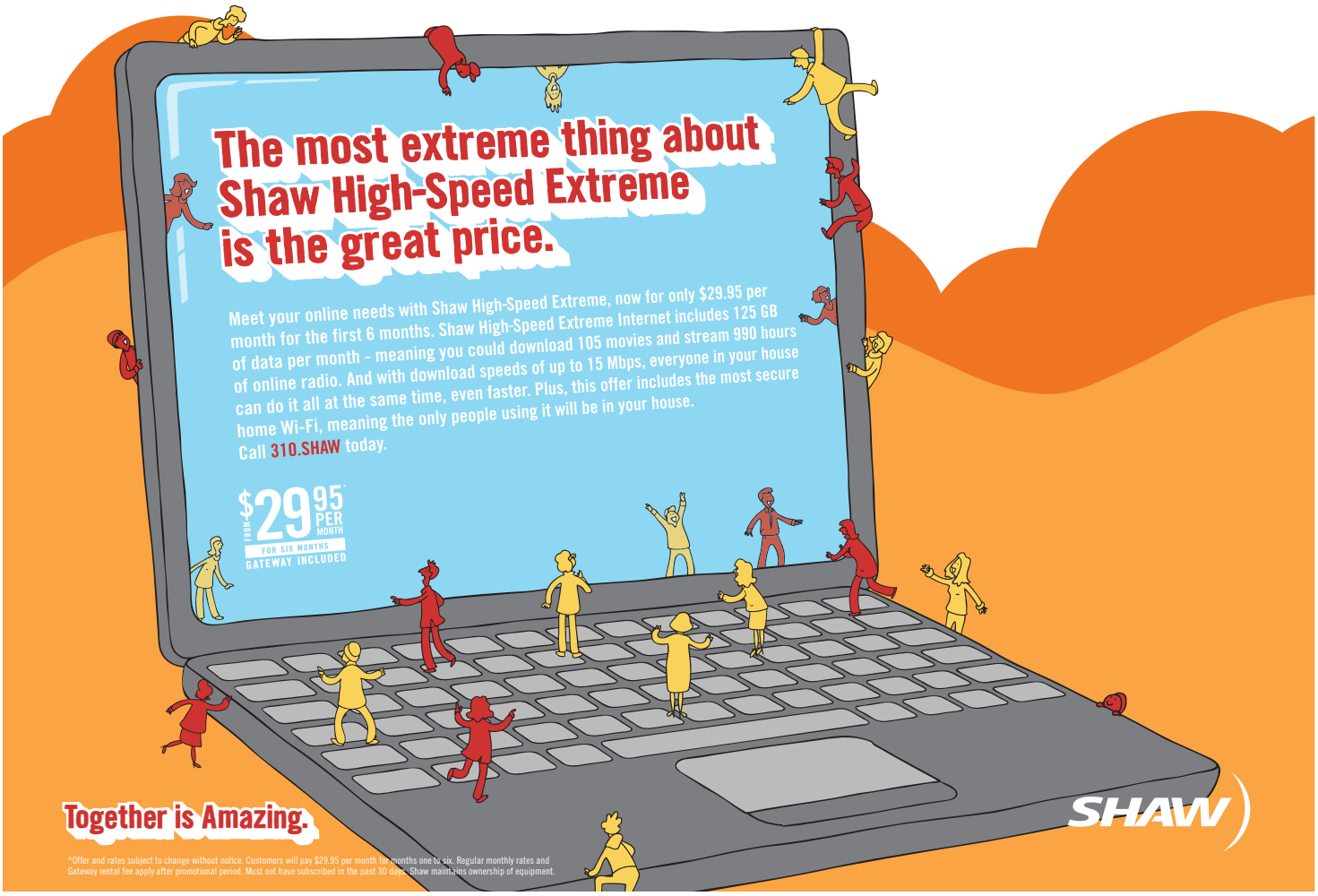
Was it a win — or a 'coup bid'

A senior adviser to Ivory Coast President Laurent Gbagbo has described an electoral commission's announcement of an election victory for the opposition as "an attempted coup." An election runoff was held last Sunday.

3 **WikiLeaks says Mexican officials proposed a strategy for regaining order in three cities —Tijuana, Juarez and Culiacan.**

Mexico's big fear

A Mexican minister told U.S. officials he feared Mexico would lose control of parts of the country to drug traffickers, says WikiLeaks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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Harper backs fretting Afghan ambassador

Says it's known Canada has been 'outspoken in its concerns about some aspects of Afghan governance'

WIKI LEAKS

Published reports say William Crosbie, Canada's Afghan ambassador, fears criticisms he made about Afghan president Hamid Karzai could damage Canada's relations with the leader.

Crosbie reportedly warned Ottawa that a U.S. diplomatic cable with the criticisms will soon be published on WikiLeaks, and has offered to step down.

When asked whether Crosbie's criticisms went too far, Harper said "Crosbie doesn't represent the government of Afghanistan, he represents the government of Canada in Afghanistan."

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▶ Stephen Harper

He said Ottawa will continue to express those concerns "emphatically to our counterparts in Afghanistan."

The reports quote Crosbie saying he was very critical about the misuse of power of Karzai and his family.

Last month, Harper said the Afghan government doesn't deserve a "dime" of foreign aid money until it cleans up its act on combating corruption.

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Sex-workers say laws will loosen

Harper says prostitution is 'bad for society' a view shared by 'most Canadians' Stay pressures government to expedite appeal process

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Dominatrix Terri-Jean Bedford, left, Nikki Thomas and law professor Alan Young on the steps of Osgoode Hall Thursday after Justice Rosenberg of The Ontario Court of Appeal granted a stay on three prostitution-related laws until April 29.

Summer appeal

A schedule worked out by lawyer Alan Young, representing sex-trade workers, and government lawyers says an appeal will be heard in the summer.

- **It will likely end up** before the Supreme Court. Young believes Justice Susan Himel's decision will stand.
- **"The only really** important issue right now is whether the law is going to be applied in the short term," Young said.
- **"These laws are necessary** ito protect not only the individuals ... but the communities as well," Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said.

Sex-trade workers will one day be able to legally provide for their families and work in Canada without fear of violence, advocates predicted Thursday, even as Ontario's top court kept prostitution laws in place for now.

A landmark court ruling striking down three key prostitution laws was put on hold until April 29, giving the federal and provincial governments time to appeal.

Dominatrix Terri-Jean Bedford, one of the three sex-trade workers at the heart of this case, said outside court yesterday that she is confident they will win in the end.

But she suggested Prime Minister Stephen Harper is hiding behind the courts on the contentious issue, and challenged him to "fight like a man."

"He can withdraw this appeal at any moment and change the law through Parliament," she said.

"His silence means that he does not know what to do and is not concerned about the violence against women."

Harper was asked about Bedford's comments after he made an unrelated announcement and seemed tickled.

"I've never been called upon to respond to a dominatrix before," he said with a smirk.

Harper said the government supports the laws and his government looks forward to fighting on appeal to keep them on the books.

Bedford said she will continue to fight for the safety of other women.

"The only people who benefit from this law right now are tax evaders and organized crime," she said.

"The women need to be able to call the police when they're beat up by the pimps and the johns. As it stands right now they can't. They can't press charges because they're carted to jail along with (the assailants)."

Prostitution was not illegal in Canada, but the court struck down three provisions that criminalized most aspects of prostitution. Criminal Code offences dealing with people under 18 are not affected. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wobbly. Economy

▶ A man holds a placard advertising low-cost meals earlier this week in Dublin, Ireland.

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Taking to the streets

The Irish economy has faltered after years of growth, and European Union finance ministers recently OK'd an aid package totalling 85 billion euros ($112 billion).

Study: Women don't get credit for cash smarts

- **Findings show media paint women as meek on money**
- **Most Canadian women confident about money matters**

Canadian woman, it seems, are more than capable when it comes to managing their personal and household finances.

However, whether those abilities are being accurately portrayed or perceived was enough to prompt one financial expert to commission the study entitled Financial Lives of Girls and Women.

Barbara Stewart, a portfolio manager at Cumberland Private Wealth Management Inc., hired Angus Reid Public Opinion to examine what she views as a "fundamental disconnect" between how women describe their ability to manage their personal finances and what they actually do.

"Paradoxically, while women are in fact confident in financial matters, many persist in using self-deprecating language when asked about their ability to manage their finances," said Stewart, in a white paper containing the results.

"This outdated script is not useful for women and their finances and it is not consistent with reality."

48%

When it comes to getting financial news, about 48 per cent of women chose newspapers and 33 per cent picked up financial knowledge through television.

About 1,000 women participated. Stewart also conducted 25 one-on-one separate interviews with additional women and focus groups were employed to back up the results published in a white paper exploring the findings.

The results showed that 6 out of 10 Canadian women feel very or moderately confident when it comes to understanding personal finance.

Stewart said in her experience women are far more financially astute than they are given credit for.

But, she said the majority of studies focus on women's emotional response to finance or how they feel about their investments rather than what they did. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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CONTENT COMPETITION

Shaw calls for online regulation

Telecom company Shaw Communications is calling on the CRTC to regulate certain aspects of the Internet to protect Canadian broadcasting.

The cable carrier, broadcaster and Internet provider told a Commons heritage committee Thursday that online movie providers Netflix, Hulu and video site Google TV are undermining Canadian broadcasters' ability to pay for domestic content.

Shaw executives said the Calgary-based company, which recently bought Canwest Global, pays about $150 million a year for local content and to support Canadian producers through the Canadian Media Fund.

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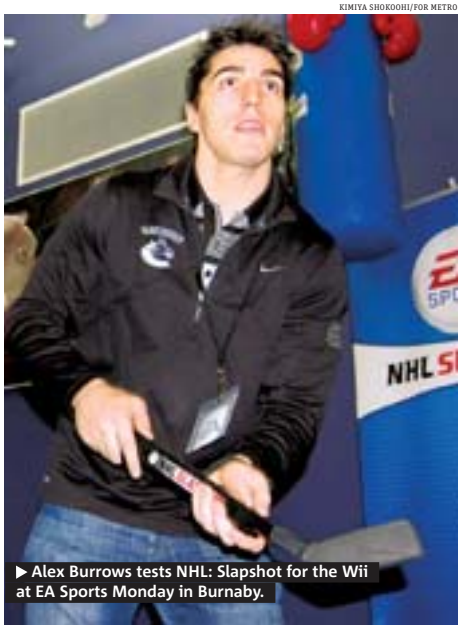

▶ Alex Burrows tests NHL: Slapshot for the Wii at EA Sports Monday in Burnaby.

5 MINUTES WITH: ALEX BURROWS

Canucks winger Alexandre Burrows traded his hockey stick for a Wii controller earlier this week to demonstrate Wii's NHL: Slapshot. Metro sat down with Burrows to chat about hockey and other topics.

You're described as an agitator, and you're pretty well-known for being abrasive. How did you get into this style of play?
You've got to find a way to get into the NHL. When I got to Manitoba I had to find a role and find a way to show the team and coaching staff that you want to be successful and help the team win games. Same with when I came to Vancouver. We had lost guys like Jarkko Ruutu and Matt Cooke and ... that's the role they wanted me to play to start. It's just a matter of working hard, trying to find a role that helps the team win games.

You seem to have taken it easy on the other guys since your return, how has your injury affected that?
None. It's more about where we want to be as a team. Last year it was a tough way to lose out to Chicago. We weren't mature as a group and weren't really ready to face that kind of pressure. Being a top-line player and playing with the twins, the managers and team wanted me not to get involved with scrums as much or get under people's skin as much. They have me focusing on making plays and scoring goals. It's about being a plus player out there while being a good player defensively.

What did losing good friend and teammate Luc Bourdon do to you?
It put everything back in perspective — that anything can happen any day. Obviously, it was a really tough loss losing Luc. His girlfriend was really good friends with my girlfriend ... It's tough not having him around in the rink, but I try to show the fans that he's still around with the bow and arrows celebration.

What needs to happen for the Canucks to finally win the Stanley Cup?
Lots of things. Obviously, you need a little bit of luck, too. We need to stay injury free. I think that's a big part. In the last few years, we've had injuries in the back end. We're more mature as a group now so I don't think that's an issue. We need to come together as a group now and play good hockey at the end of the day.

KIMIYA SHOKOOHI

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Building up a good sweat

Worth mentioning

The UN weather agency says this year is "almost certain" to rank among the three hottest years on record.

And 2001-10 is undoubtedly the warmest 10-year period since the beginning of weather records in 1850, the agency said Thursday.

Data from the World Meteorological Organization released at UN climate negotiations confirmed a warming trend that has gone on for decades, which scientists attribute to man-made pollution trapping heat in the atmosphere.

WMO secretary general Michel Jarraud said this year's temperatures through October were at near-record levels. Data for November and December will be analyzed in early 2011, but were expected to be slightly cooler than normal. Still, there is a "significant possibility 2010 could be the warmest," Jarraud told reporters. The two other extraordinary years were 1998 and 2005. Jarraud said these three steaming years were within a fraction of a degree — 0.02 C — of each other.

This year also saw startling weather events: A deadly summer heat wave in Russia with temperatures in Moscow soaring to a record 38.2 C. Devastating floods in Pakistan were part of the same weather anomaly, Jarraud said.

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Russian heat wave

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Metro Minute at disability event

Juno Award-winning blues musician Jim Byrnes and Paralympic gold medallist Paul Gauthier are set to take part in Friday's International Day of Persons with Disabilities event at the Roundhouse Community Centre.

Byrnes will perform while Gauthier will co-host the event, which is held every Dec. 3 to celebrate the achievements and rights of Vancouverites with disabilities.

The evening will including a craft fair, art exhibit, music and dance performances along with poetry readings and stand-up comedy. Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson will kick off the free event at 5:30 p.m. at 181 Roundhouse Mews.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE CITY'S PLANS TO TURN PART OF ROBSON STREET INTO A PUBLIC SQUARE?

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I'm from Toronto and there's Yonge-Dundas Square. It's kind of like an open market. That'd be really cool. It'd feel more like a community.

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I hope they're quick about it because I'm a dancer and me and my friends love coming into the area to practise dancing.

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Director of Academy Award winning film The Lives of Others takes on a big budget action-romance in The Tourist ◐ Finding a balance between humour and seriousness ◐ How it's tough to cast women opposite the scintillating Angelina Jolie

▶ Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie

From the Cold War to hot romance

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After earning international acclaim — and an Academy Award — for his dark Cold War drama and debut film The Lives of Others, German-born director Florien Henckel von Donnersmarck wanted to try a slightly different change of pace. And he couldn't have gotten much more different tonally than The Tourist, a big-budget romance caper starring Angelina Jolie and Johnny Depp. Henckel von Donnersmarck spoke with Metro about fixing up the film's script, cutting out laughs and why Angelina Jolie doesn't have any female co-stars.

You're credited with writing the film, along with two other writers. Can you take us through the process of each writer's contribution?
Since so much of it was before I came on board, I don't really know. I read a script that Julian Fellowes, Christopher McQuarrie and, I think, three or four others had contributed to. Or four or five others. I mean, it was massive. And still it was a script that nobody — and I'm sure those two actors — would have been happy with. It was just one of those scripts that had been developed into so many different directions under so many different influences. You could tell that it was slightly somehow a schizophrenic script.

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▶ Florien Henckel von Donnersmarck

What were your biggest changes to the script when you took it on?
I wanted to make it into a true love story between these people, and I also wanted people to think throughout the whole film, "Is this guy the person they're looking for or not?" And for them to flip back and forth. For this not to be a film that somehow a surprise comes out of nowhere at the end, but for it to really be a constant cat-and-mouse game. And then it was also shaping in the characters, giving them a kind of humour and humanity.

The finished film has a distinct sense of fun to it.
The interesting thing, when I screened a rough cut for the first time, for some people, it played really well, but it played too much like a comedy. People were laughing so much, and then I realized I'd gone a little too far in that whole kind of comedy thing. So I actually started cutting out a lot of the humour. … I don't want people to be laughing in this film, I want them to be smiling.

I noticed there are hardly any other women on screen besides Angelina Jolie.
There's not a single other female speaking on screen. I feel she's so scintillating and exciting as a woman, it's hard for other women to really be able to shine next to her. … She's enough woman for an entire film.

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News in brief

Actor Chuck Norris for years played a Texas Ranger on television. Now he's going to become one in real life.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry is scheduled to present the actor and executive director of Walker, Texas Ranger with a designation as an honorary member of the famed law enforcement group Thursday.

Ceremonies to honour the 70-year-old martial arts star will take place at a Texas Rangers office in suburban Dallas.

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Police: 'Person of interest' in Hollywood publicist's slaying shoots, kills self at L.A. hotel

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BALLET TRANSLATES WELL TO BIG SCREEN

Ballet is inherently dramatic so it is no wonder the movies have frequently looked to pointe shoes and bun heads for inspiration. The first ballet moves captured on film were likely in turn-of-the-last-century animated films of Alexander Shiryaev, whose crude but beautiful films used drawings and puppets as an early form of dance notation.

Since then the movies have been dancing with the stars. Everyone from legendary performers like Mikhail Baryshnikov to gifted amateurs like Natalie Portman, who plays a beautiful but troubled ballerina in this weekend's dark drama Black Swan, have done a cinematic grand jeté or two.

The most classic ballet movie has to be The Red Shoes. The 1948 classic interweaves on and off stage action to tell the story of a ballerina pulled between two men — a composer who loves her and an impresario who wants to make her a star. The British Film Institute labeled it one of "the best British films ever" and the movie inspired Kate Bush's song and album of the same name.

The Red Shoes was nominated for four Oscars and took home a pair, which is two more than our next ballet film, even though it was nominated for eleven. The Turning Point (which ties The Color Purple for most nominations with no wins) starred Shirley MacLaine and Anne Bancroft as life long rivals; one who left the ballet to become a wife and mother, the other who stayed and became a star. Audrey Hepburn, Doris Day and Grace Kelly were all offered the lead roles, but turned them down. After seeing the movie Hepburn regretted her decision. "That was the one film," she said, "that got away from me."

There are dozens of Hollywood ballet movies. It's almost tutu much (you had to know that pun was coming); White Nights, Center Stage (with Avatar's Zoe Saldana), Billy Elliot, The Company (made with the cooperation of the Joffrey Ballet) and even the South Korean horror film Wishing Stairs feature stories about fictional ballet dancers, but there are many interesting ballet documentaries as well.

The history of the Ballet Russe of Monte Carlo is touchingly and lovingly told in Ballets Russes, an intimate documentary focused on the founders of modern ballet. Also fascinating is La danse — Le ballet de l'Opéra de Paris, director Frederick Wiseman's fly-on-the-wall look at the production of seven ballets by the Paris Opera Ballet.

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Tarantino served up and roasted

Director's long-delayed roast was a record-setter for attendance Roth steals the show with offside jokes

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▶ Filmmaker Eli Roth, left, actor Samuel L. Jackson and director Quentin Tarantino, right, attend the Quentin Tarantino Friars Club Roast at the New York Hilton Hotel on Wednesday.

Filmmaker Eli Roth brought shock and awe to the podium of a Friar's Club Roast of actor Quentin Tarantino on Wednesday night, saying it was a roaster's responsibility to be sick and distasteful.

He didn't disappoint, covering ground that would make Richard Pryor blush — and offering no apologies.

"Pretty much what people say about Hostel 2, I want them to say about my speech," Roth said referring to his 2007 horror flick.

Roth ripped the Weinstein's — filmmakers Harvey and Bob — who were sitting on the dais, joked about dead comic Greg Giraldo and poked fun at Tarantino's physical appearance. He also alluded to Tarantino's alleged foot fetish saying, "Quentin's got a bigger collection of women's shoes than Dachau."

Joining Roth at the event in New York was Sarah Silverman, Uma Thurman, Brett Ratner and roastmaster Samuel L. Jackson, who referred to the pack as a "true collection of freaks." Then he thanked Jim Henson, creator of The Muppets, for designing Tarantino's face, and kicked off the show.

Originally scheduled for October, the roast was postponed because of the death of Tarantino's longtime film editor and close friend Sally Menke. Freddie Roman of the Friar's Club said he feared the change in dates would lead to a lower turnout, but it seemed to have the opposite effect. The event packed the Hilton ballroom, drawing a record-setting crowd of nearly 2,300. That's unprecedented for the fraternal organization.

While some of the acts were clearly funny, others were not as engaging. Harvey Keitel spent more time talking about Reservoir Dogs than making jokes. Ratner, a director, missed some of his timing cues, and Michael Madsen looked as if he had just rolled out of bed. While Keitel was spared by most, Ratner and Madsen were heavily attacked throughout the show.

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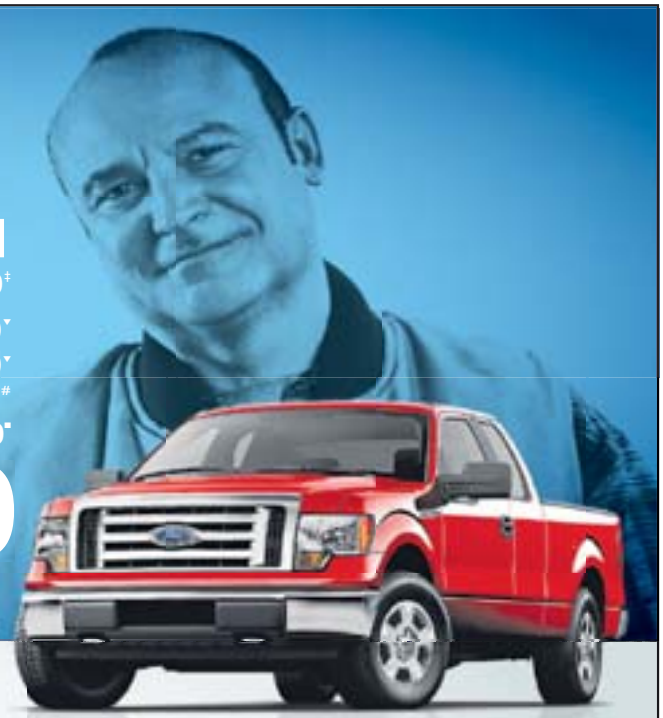

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Rush worth a king's ransom

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▶ Geoffrey Rush stars at Lionel Logue in The King's Speech.

He won an Oscar for his portrayal of a mentally challenged piano virtuoso in Shine, was nominated for his role of libertine and pornographer Marquis De Sade in Quills, and again as a theatrical entrepreneur in Shakespeare in Love.

Geoffrey Rush once again shows off his versatility when brings his acting magic to The King's Speech, and rumour has it he'll be nominated again.

In The King's Speech he plays Lionel Logue; an Australian national living in London in the 1920's who, with no formal medical training, "cured" speech pathologies like stammering.

Logue's most famous patient was Albert, Duke of York who became King George VI (Colin Firth) after his brother King Edward VIII (Guy Pierce) abdicated to marry American divorcee Wallis Simpson (Eve Best).

After humiliating himself on a national radio broadcast and several failed attempts at speech therapy Albert's wife, who would become Queen Elizabeth (and later the Queen Mother), played by Helena Bonham Carter shows up at Logue's office begging for help.

Rush spoke to people who knew the real-life Logue to get a feel for the man.

"The word sympathetic came up over and over again, "He gave me a friend to talk to'," says Rush. "There was a great deal of compassion in his work, and in his pastoral care, and in his bed side manner."

But Logue refused to be ruled by protocol and was especially tough on the King.

"He had to push him into a place of slight danger and responsibility for his own well being. I'm not going to let you hide behind this stuff that we have to meet this head on, until you are confident enough to speak," he said.

"There comes the breakthrough when a kind of anger takes you and your say 'I need to be heard, I need you to listen to me because in my life I've been needing to be heard.' And once that happens, the stammer disappears very quickly."

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Faster (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:30-10:05
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:50-7:20-10:45 Mon-Wed 3-6:30-10 Thu 1-4:30-8 Fri-Sun 11:45-12-3:10-3:30-6:40-7-10:10-10:30 Mon-Tue 12-1-3:30-4:30-7-8-10:30 Wed 12-1-3:30-7-8-10:30 Thu 12-3-3:30-6:30-7-10-10:30
It's a Wonderful Life (G) Wed 7
Megamind (G) Fri 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:10 Sat 3:40-6:30-9:10 Sun-Tue 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:10 Wed 10:25 Thu 12:50-3:40-10
Megamind 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:50-9:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Pasquale Encore (STC) Sat 10
Morning Glory (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:20-7:10-9:50 Mon 12:40-3:20-9:50 Tue-Wed 12:40-3:20-7:10-9:50 Thu 12:40-3:20-7:10
National Theatre Live: Hamlet (STC) Thu 7
Red (PG) Fri-Wed 1:20-4:10-7:25-10 Thu 1:20-4:10-10
The Social Network (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:45-7:40-10:25 Wed 12:30-3:45-4:30-10:25 Thu 12:30-3:45-7:40-10:25

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Fados (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 8:15 Mon 6:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Wed
Our Beloved Month of August (STC) Fri 8:15 Sat-Sun 5:30 Mon 8:15
A Time to Live and a Time to Die (STC) Thu 6:30
The Wages of Fear (STC) Tue 7:30

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
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ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Burlesque (PG) Fri 7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 1-3:45-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:55
Due Date (PG) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri 6:30-7:45-9:40 Sat-Sun 12-12:45-3:15-4:30-6:30-7:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:30-7:45-9:40
Morning Glory (PG) Fri 6:45-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:20
Tangled (STC) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

127 Hours (14A) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20
Fair Game (PG) Fri 7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:10-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:50
Faster (14A) Fri 7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:15-7:15-9:45 Mon-Wed 7:15-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Love & Other Drugs (14A) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Megamind 3D (G) Fri 6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:40-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Pasquale Encore (STC) Sat 10
National Theatre Live: Hamlet (STC) Thu 7
The Next Three Days (PG) Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:3:50-6:40-9:30

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Burlesque (PG) Fri 3:50-7:05-9:50 Sat 12:40-3:50-7:05-9:50 Sun 12:40-3:50-7:05 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:05
Due Date (PG) Fri 4:10-7:20-9:45 Sat 1-4:10-7:20-9:45 Sun 1-4:10-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:20
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri 3:40-6:50-10 Sat 12:30-3:40-6:50-10 Sun 12:30-3:40-6:50 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:50
Love & Other Drugs (14A) Fri 4:05-7:15-9:55 Sat 12:55-4:05-7:15-9:55 Sun 12:55-4:05-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:15
Megamind (G) Fri 4-7-9:30 Sat 12:45-4-7-9:30 Sun 12:45-4-7 Mon-Thu 4-7
Tangled (STC) No Passes Fri 3:55-7:10-9:35 No Passes Sat 12:50-3:55-7:10-9:35 No Passes Sun 12:50-3:55-7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:55-7:10

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
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Break Ke Baad (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:30-10:35
Burlesque (PG) Fri-Wed 12:30-4:10-7:20-10:25 Thu 4:10-7:20-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Due Date (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-7:05-9:50
Fair Game (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:05-6:40-9:40
Faster (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7:40-10:30
Guzaarish (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:40-6:50-10:10
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
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It's a Wonderful Life (G) Wed 7
Love & Other Drugs (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:10-6:55-9:55
Megamind (G) Fri-Thu 1-4
Megamind 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:55-3:20-6:35-9:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Pasquale Encore (STC) Sat 10
Morning Glory (PG) Fri 12-4:10-7:10 Sat 4:10-7:10 Sun-Thu 12-4:10-7:10
National Theatre Live: Hamlet (STC) Thu 7
The Next Three Days (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:35-7:10-10:40
Red (PG) Fri-Wed 12:25-3:40-7:25-10:35 Thu 12:25-3:40-7:25
Skyline (14A) Fri-Wed 7:35-10:20 Thu 10:20
Tangled (STC) No Passes Fri-Wed 1:15-4:15-7:30-10:20 No Passes Thu 4:15-7:30-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Tangled 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-12:45-3:45-6:45-9:30
Unstoppable (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:25-6:30-9:25

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Burlesque (PG) Fri 7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:50
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) No Passes Fri 6:30-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
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Burlesque (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:10-7:25-10:25
Due Date (PG) Fri-Wed 12:10-4-7:05-9:50 Thu 12:10-4-7:05-10:45
Faster (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:50-7:35-10:15
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:20-6:50-10:30 Fri-Wed 11:30-2:50-6:30-10 Thu 11:30-2:50-10
Love & Other Drugs (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:40
Megamind 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-7:10-10:05
National Theatre Live: Hamlet (STC) Thu 7
The Next Three Days (PG) Fri-Tue 12:15-3:25-6:55-10:20 Wed-Thu 12:15-3:25-10:20
Tangled 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:25-3:55-7:20-9:55
Unstoppable (PG) Fri-Thu 11:45-3:20-6:40-9:30

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri 4-7:15-10:30 Sat 1-4:15-7:30-10:40 Sun 1-4:15-7:30 Mon-Thu 4-7:15
Hereafter (PG) Fri 4:05-7:10 Sat 1:05-4-7:10 Sun 1:05-4-7 Mon-Thu 4:05-7
Morning Glory (PG) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:15 Sat 1:20-4:20-7:15-10:15 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20
Paranormal Activity 2 (STC) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:25 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:25-10:25 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30
Red (PG) Fri 4:15-7:10-10:10 Sat 1:15-4:10-7:10-10:10 Sun 1:15-4:10-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:10
Skyline (14A) Fri 4:25-7:25-10:20 Sat 1:25-4:25-7:20-10:20 Sun 1:25-4:25-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25
The Social Network (PG) Fri 4:10-7:05-10:05 Sat 1:10-4:05-7:05-10:05 Sun 1:10-4:05-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

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170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

Burlesque (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:55-10:05
Due Date (PG) Fri-Thu 11:35-2:10-4:45-7:40-10:35
Fair Game (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:10-6:50-9:45
Faster (14A) Fri-Tue 1:05-4-7:10-9:50 Wed 4-7:10-9:50 Thu 1:05-4-7:10-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri-Thu 11:30-12-1-3:30-4:30-6:30-7-8:30-10-10:30 Fri-Sat 1:30-5:30-7:30-9:30-11 Sun-Tue 1:30-5:30-7:30-9:30 Wed 1:30-5:30-9:30 Thu 1:30-5:30-7:30-9:30
It's a Wonderful Life (G) Wed 7
Jackass 3 (14A) Fri-Thu 7:45-10:25
Love & Other Drugs (14A) Fri-Tue 12:55-3:55-7:20-10:25 Wed 3:55-7:20-10:25 Thu 12:55-3:55-7:20-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Megamind (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:55
Megamind 3D (G) Fri 11:50-2:20-4:55-7:25-9:55 Sat 2:20-4:55-7:25-9:55 Sun-Thu 11:50-2:20-4:55-7:25-9:55
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Pasquale Encore (STC) Sat 10
Morning Glory (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:15-7:15-10:15
National Theatre Live: Hamlet (STC) Thu 7
The Next Three Days (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:35-7:10-10:25
Red (PG) Fri-Wed 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:20 Thu 1:10-4:10-7:15
Skyline (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:25-6:40-9:20
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Tangled (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:45-9:35
Tangled 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:40-1:20-2:30-4:20-5:05-7:40-10:10
Unstoppable (PG) Fri-Wed 12:40-3:40-7:05-10:05 Thu 12:40-3:40-10:05

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Megamind (G) Sat-Sun 1:30
Red (PG) Fri-Thu 7

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Alpha and Omega (G) Sat-Sun 2:50
Despicable Me (G) Sat-Sun 12:30
Jackass 3 (14A) Fri-Thu 4:45-9
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (G) Sat-Sun 2:45
Life as We Know It (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45
Paranormal Activity 2 (STC) Fri-Thu 4:45-8:45
Red (PG) Fri-Thu 7-9:10
Secretariat (G) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30
The Social Network (PG) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 2:30-6:45 Mon-Thu 6:45

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

Break Ke Baad (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:15-6:45-9:30
Burlesque (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7:20-10:10
Due Date (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:40-10:05
Faster (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40-6:50-9:20
Guzaarish (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:40
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri-Tue 1:4:30-8 Wed 4:30-8 Thu 1:4:30-8 Fri-Thu 12:3:30-7:10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Khelein Hum Jee Jaan Sey (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-4:15-8:15
Mar Jawan Gur Khake (STC) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-7:30-10:30
Megamind 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:10-6:40-9:15
Tangled 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7:10-9:50
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15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

Burlesque (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 1:05-4-6:45-9:30 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4-6:45-9:30
Due Date (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 12:50-4:25-7:40-10:10 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4:25-7:40-10:10
Faster (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 1:25-4:30-7:50-10:25 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4:30-7:50-10:25
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 1-2:45-3:45-4:15-7-7:30-10:15 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 3:45-4:15-7-7:30-10:15
Khelein Hum Jee Jaan Sey (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 12:50-4:30-8:10 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4:30-8:10
Love & Other Drugs (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 1:10-3:55-7:20-9:55 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 3:55-7:20-9:55
Megamind 3D (G) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 1:15-4:05-6:40-9:25 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4:05-6:40-9:25
Morning Glory (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 6:50-9:50
The Next Three Days (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 12:55-3:50-7:10-10:05 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 3:50-7:10-10:05
Tangled 3D (G) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:15-9:40 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:10-7:15-9:40
Unstoppable (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 1:10-4:35-7:45-10:20 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4:35-7:45-10:20

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Burlesque (PG) Fri-Sun 12:25-4:05-7:05-10:15 Mon-Tue 4:05-7:05-10:15 Wed 7:05-10:15 Thu 4:05-7:05-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
Due Date (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:15-7:40-10 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:40-10
Fair Game (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-4:05-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:20-10:10
Faster (14A) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:10-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:25-10:05
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri 12-3:25-7:10:30 Sat-Sun 12-3:30-7:10:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-7:10:30
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National Theatre Live: Hamlet (STC) Thu 7
The Next Three Days (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-4-7:15-10:30 Mon-Tue 4-7:15-10:30 Wed 4-10:30 Thu 4-7:15-10:30
Red (PG) Fri 1:20-4:25-7:30-10:30 Sat 4:25-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:20-4:25-7:30-10:30 Mon-Wed 4:25-7:30-10:30 Thu 4:25-7:30
Skyline (14A) Fri-Wed 3:45-6:55-9:45 Thu 3:45-10:15
The Social Network (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:55-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:50-9:50
Tangled (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:35-3:50-7-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:50-7-9:40
Tangled 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:05-1:15-3:30-4:35-6:30-7:35-9:10-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-4:35-6:30-7:35-9:10-10:20
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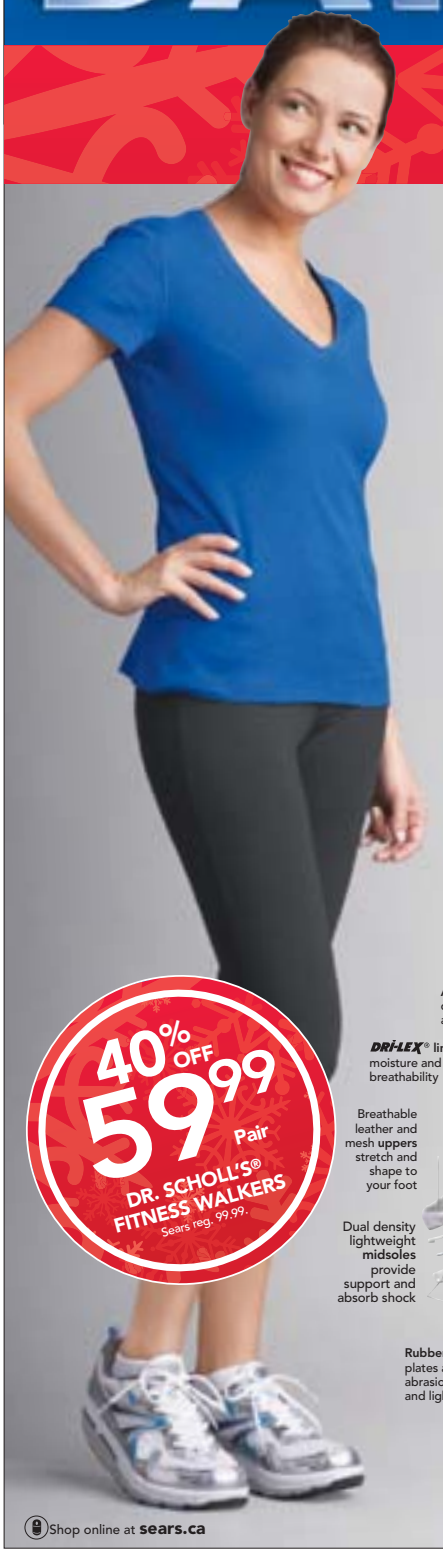

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INCEPTION

DVD

Christopher Nolan and Leonardo DiCaprio's brainteaser, Inception, gets the small screen release on Tuesday.

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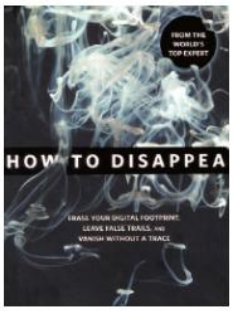
ROYAL WEDDING

RUMOR

All bets are off at one U.K. bookmaker, as the odds put Bruce Oldfield as the overwhelming favourite to design Kate Middleton's dress. Oldfield is no stranger to dressing society figures. To date, he has created gowns for Princess Diana, the British Prime Minister's wife Samantha Cameron and the Duchess of Cornwall, to name a few. However, neither Oldfield nor Prince William's official residence have confirmed the Royal commission.



HOW TO DISAPPEAR

BOOK

Looking to get away from it all — or maybe just the holiday season?

Authors Frank M. Ahearn and Eileen C. Horan's How To Disappear offers tips on how to erase your digital footprint, leave false trails, and vanish without a trace.

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Cufflinks generally fall into that best-avoided category of dry and ordinary Christmas gifts along with ties, house slippers and cologne sets. But Alexander McQueen's skull fasteners make a roguish alternative. Complete with a grimacing smile and black Swarovski eyes, these gems will add a cool, macabre edge to any man's evening look. $255; alexandermcqueen.com.

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▶ Oldfield

Metro pick

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Chances are you've seen the film a few too many times on the small screen.

So, maybe it's time to watch Frank Capra's A Wonderful Life on the big screen with the whole family.

The annual holiday classic will be shown at select Cineplex theatres across Canada on Dec. 8 and Dec. 12.

▶ The timeless classic, It's a Wonderful Life, will be shown at select Cineplex theatres across Canada on Dec. 8 and Dec. 12.

Mix of Six

Ice show

Disney on Ice

Friday marks your last chance to take in this classic piece of family entertainment. Held at the Abbotsford Entertainment and Sports Centre, tickets start at $17 and can be ordered online at www.disneyonice.com.

Craft fair

Got Craft? Craft Fair

Billing itself as "Vancouver's largest indie craft fair" the twice-a-year show returns to the Commercial Drive Legion this Sunday, hosting over 50 local artists selling their wares. Attendance is $3 and doors open at 10 a.m.

Light spectacle

Canyon Lights

The iconic Vancouver landmark is converted into a twinkling holiday spectacle this weekend as over 250,000 sparkling lights are added to the 137-meter bridge. Carollers and a decorate-your-own gingerbread man centre help add to the festive spirit. Opens nightly at 5 p.m., $15 for adults, $5 for children..

Film Festival

Whistler Film Festival

One of Canada's fastest growing film festivals wraps up this Friday, showcasing nearly 70 films from across North America and the world. Housed in the scenic Whistler Conference Centre, a variety of ticket options are still available, see whistlerfilmfestival.com for more info..

Parade

Santa Claus Parade

A Vancouver tradition returns for its seventh year as Rogers Communications hosts the city's annual Santa Claus parade this Sunday. Dress up warmly and take in Santa Claus and all of his friends as they march from Georgia Street to Howe, starting at 1 p.m.

Concert

Mon Pays, mes amours

150 years of French-Canadian culture comes to life at the Jules-Vernes Auditorium this Saturday as Quebecois singers France Duval and Bruno Laplante perform classic Francophone melodies from the past two centuries. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door.

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Nancy Cartwright on the birth of Bart

As The Simpsons approaches its 500th episode, the voice of many a Springfield resident takes Metro back to the very beginning

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You may not know her face but her voice is legendary around the world as Bart Simpson from the most successful animation series on the Fox network, The Simpsons. Nancy Cartwright, also voices other characters such as Nelson Muntz, Ralph Wiggum, Todd Flanders and Kearney.

How did you find Bart's voice?

I remember as if it was yesterday. I was called in to the Fox lot to meet Matt Groening to read for the part of Lisa. All I had was the description that she was an eight year-old girl. Matt showed me a picture of Lisa, which helps formulate a sound when you see the jaw of a character, but I got nothing. Yet next to her was the picture of Bart, a 10-year-old school-hating underachiever and proud of it. So wouldn't you rather be Bart? I asked Matt if I could do Bart instead of Lisa and typically I would give about three or four different sounds, but with Bart for some reason it was very clear to me that he sounded just like this (raising her voice an octave higher to sound like Bart). And Matt's eyes nearly popped out of his head!

TORONTO STAR

▶ Nancy Cartwright lends her voice to Simpsons star Bart Simpson, among many other characters.

Did you come up with Bart's catchphrases?

Most of them were in the script. The only one I contributed was 'Eat my shorts!' It was something that came from high school. I said it one time as a comment but it got a big laugh and next thing I know it was written in the script. One time I was coming out of an elevator and the doors were shutting and this kid was wearing a Bart Simpson T-shirt and I said in Bart's voice: "Cool T-shirt man!" (Laughs) I just love watching their reactions.

What is a typical working week as Bart?

This is the best job on the planetIn the production line up the actors record their voices first and then it's edited and then another six months in production for the art work and animation to be completed. Then I go in at the end for either one line or even one word which can take up to about an hour. So my time for one show is like a day at the most.

Have you ever been starstruck by one of the famous guest-stars?

I never knew that I was a starstruck type of person until I worked with Meryl Streep. She played Jessica Lovejoy, the daughter to Rev Lovejoy. I really wanted to get her autograph but I didn't want to come across as a fan. I wanted to be professional so at the end of the recording session, I headed towards the door and I feel a little tap on my shoulder and it was Meryl and she whispered: "You know my kids don't watch my movies they are too young, but they're huge fans of Bart Simpson and I was wondering if I could have your autograph?"

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He's a playboy, and he's past his prime

▶ Scott Bakula plays at single life in Men of a Certain Age.

Scott Bakula, husband and father of four, gets a kick out of portraying a feckless playboy at mid-life on TNT's Men of a Certain Age.

"I don't hope and dream of that other lifestyle, but it's fun to play a character that's living it. I have friends who live it, and I'm happy to let them have it because it's not an easy road out there," said Bakula, who plays Terry on the series that also stars Ray Romano and Andre Braugher.

"It's a struggle for my friends trying to date younger women or find somebody to get married and have a baby," Bakula said.

When TNT's Men of a Certain Age returns Dec. 6 for its second season, Terry finds he's got decisions to confront about work, life and growing up as he turns 50.

He's making progress, Bakula said. Shelving his dreams of acting success, Terry is working at the car dealership managed by buddy Owen (Braugher) and trying to adjust to the daily grind.

Terry is "such a mess," Bakula said, but he's trying. A rekindled relationship even tests his womanizing ways.

Bakula, 56, whose credits include TV's Quantum Leap and Star Trek: Enterprise and the movie The Informant!, is delighted to be part of a project that he says "felt a little risky." The three middle-age characters at its centre aren't the demographic prized by youth-obsessed advertisers.

"A show like this doesn't get made unless somebody like Ray wants to do it," Bakula said.

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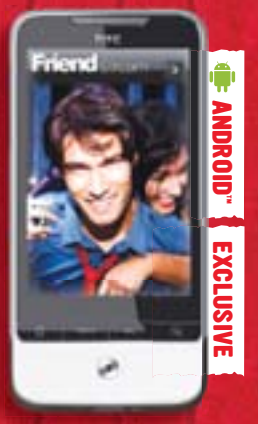

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Just the beginning for Will.i.am

▶ Black Eyed Peas frontman Wil.i. Am.

On their new album, The Beginning, the Black Eyed Peas go more mainstream, even remastering the Dirty Dancing theme song. But "nothing is sacred," says Black Eyed Peas frontman Will.i.am.

Before The E.N.D., the Black Eyed Peas already sold loads of albums. Were you surprised with the seven million you sold?

Not at all. First, we hadn't done anything for four years. And Monkey Business, the previous album, was already a huge success. And when The E.N.D. came out, there were no more "physical" shops.

The electro style you've adopted has been quite surprising for your fans. Did you think it was a risk?

I remember when we were about to record The E.N.D., our manager asked us who we'd like to collaborate with: Beyoncé, Usher, Justin Timberlake? I said none of them.

I wanted to work with DJs like Boys Noize or David Guetta. Back in 2007, this was quite a crazy idea for a pop band. Why did we want this? Because club music was the only living music, and what the DJs are playing is what makes people dance. That's the rule.

Black Eyed Peas are, what, a remedy to our dark age? People need to dance to forget their woes?

Is it the law that makes you go home every day at 5 p.m.? Or you want to eat sushi but can only afford a sandwich? No.

The problem nowadays is that people are disconnected from each other. On the street, in a restaurant, we are playing with our smartphones and we can't have a normal conversation. We're in our little technological bubble.

That's why I like to go to concerts, clubs or football games — for that collective experience.

When did you write your new album, The Beginning?

When we were on tour. The track XOXOXO, for instance, comes from the text messages I got from my girlfriend [he starts to sing]: "Baby everywhere I go, I'm not alone, you let me know, you're on my phone, you're in my dreams, you're on my screen, you send me X & Os."

As a matter of fact, I recorded a lot of stuff on my phone. For The Time (Dirty Bit), I was on a plane when I recorded the original beat.

Remastering the hit [(I've Had) The Time of My Life] is a bit of a secret shame, isn't it?

I know! People say, "Why did you destroy this song? How did you dare to do that?"

I don't care. It's like saying, "Why did you use this grape to make marmalade? You were supposed to make wine out of it." Or being angry because I turn smoking pants into shorts! Or wearing a smoking jacket with rubber boots!

Nothing is sacred — so neither is music. For me, any piece of music is like an ingredient.

Tell me more about David Guetta, who wrote a track on your new album. Some people say he's gone too commercial and away from the underground...

People who listen to his or our music just want to escape. They don't care about that crap. You know, besides some musicians who want to stay aside, most of them want to have success. These are the ones who are critical. I like the underground music. Not the little disputes coming from there.

The best is to seduce both the mainstream and the underground scene. Prince, Michael Jackson — everybody loves them.

Speaking of Michael Jackson, can you tell me of the songs you released with him?

No. Why? Because he is not with us anymore to give his blessing on them. Michael was a perfectionist, always willing to do better. Making an album with the songs we wrote together would be disrespectful. Sony asked me to do it, but I declined.

Will you ever listen to the Michael album?

Sure I will. But I know that one of the songs that already came out on the Internet, Michael wasn't totally happy with. I remember him calling me in 2008 because he was furious — well, in his way.

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ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

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▶Musician Gene Simmons at Paramount Studios in Hollywood.

Sound Check

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- **Weezer:** weezer.cinderblock.com
- **Soundgarden:** soundgardenworld.com/shop
- **Third Man Records:** thirdmanrecords.com

Look at this," said Gene Simmons, picking up a KISS coffee mug from the table in front of us last weekend in Montreal. "This is one of 3,000 branded and trademarked KISS items. We're also bringing back the KISS coffin because it's sold out."

"What does it go for? Is it $7,000?"

"Something like that," he said with a capitalist grin.

Ten years ago, buying band-branded swag had to be done at a concert, a record store or a downmarket shop that offered cheap knock-offs. Even then, choices were limited to t-shirts, stickers and, if you were really lucky, a belt buckle. The Internet has changed all that.

With CD sales cratering, artists are seeking revenue relief from online merchandise sales. For example, the U2 fan can find everything from t-shirts to DVDs to a selection of beautiful black-and-white lithographs that I've never seen anywhere else.

For $50 US, you can get a gift certificate to U2.com which comes with some recordings that will never be available in stores. Or if you'd prefer U2 on your tree instead of under it, there's a rather pretty Christmas ornament based on the cover of All That You Can't Leave Behind.

Oh, and speaking of things to hang on the tree, there's a really cool Bowie decoration featuring his Aladdin Sane persona in a fetching Santa hat.

Coldplay's Viva Coldplay fleece blanket is on sale for $29.95. Weezer was selling their own branded Snuggies, but they're sold out. Maybe eBay.

Soundgarden has the usual t-shirts for sale but what caught my eye were the ornate concert posters, including one from this past year's Lollapalooza in Chicago ($25 US).

The worst place for me, though, is Third Man Records, the label owned by Jack White. Vinyl junkies should approach at their own risk. I've got my eye on the White Stripes Vinyl Starter Merchandise Collection which, even at $499 US, looks like a bargain. Plus I'm in Nashville this week, home of the physical Third Man store. It could get ugly at customs.

Drake to host Junos in 2011

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▶ Drake

Drake will come home to host the Juno Awards next year.

The 24-year-old Toronto native will return to his hometown for the awards bash, which will be held at the Air Canada Centre on March 27 and broadcast on CTV.

Drake — whose real name is Aubrey Graham — won his first two Junos at this year's show in St. John's, N.L., taking awards for best new artist and rap recording of the year.

The former Degrassi star won months before releasing his debut album, Thank Me Later, in June.

The record has since been certified platinum in Canada and the U.S.

This year's award show used a rotating cast of presenters, while comedian Russell Peters hosted the two previous Juno broadcasts.

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Aguilera's in love with a new man, but taking it slow

Christina Aguilera is opening up about the new man in her life, Matthew Rutler.

She tells People magazine, "There is love there."

Aguilera, who recently separated from her husband, Jordan Bratman, met Rutler while working with him on Burlesque, her new movie.

"Once I filed for divorce, we started dating," she says. "I'm not trying to jump into anything. I just left a five-year marriage. I'm taking it slow and trying to be happy."

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▶ Aguilera is dating Matthew Rutler.

Snoop Dogg's player anthem for Prince Wills

Everyone seems to be getting excited about Prince William's upcoming wedding to Kate Middleton, including Snoop Dogg, who recorded a new track to be played at William's bachelor party, according to People.

"When I heard the royal family wanted to have me perform in celebration of Prince William's marriage, I knew I had to give them a little something," the rapper says, adding that the track, Wet, is "the perfect anthem for Prince William or any player to get the club smoking."

There's been no official word that he'll be asked to attend the party, though.

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▶ Snoop Dogg has created a song called Wet for Prince Williams' bachelor party.

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▶ Britney Spears is denying allegations that her boyfriend is abusive toward her.

Britney strikes back against rumours of abuse

The singer's rep says legal team will take action

Britney Spears is striking back over rumours that her boyfriend, Jason Trawick, is abusive toward her.

"Suffice it to say, that Jason Trawick has never laid a hand on Britney," her reps say in a statement.

"This is just another example of the irresponsible nature of the tabloid media relying on shoddy sources and false information for the sole purpose of selling magazines, without regard to the truth and without regard to who they hurt in the process.

"These irresponsible statements are defamatory.

"Britney Spears' legal team will be taking legal action against all of the appropriate parties."

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Longoria never expected divorce

Eva Longoria never thought Tony Parker would be unfaithful or that she'd end up locked in a bitter divorce battle with him.

Basketball Wives star — and friend of Longoria — Tami Roman tells PopEater, "You couldn't have told any of us that that wasn't a match made in heaven," she says.

Roman also added, "It was a shock, but on the other side of the coin, when you think about that basketball lifestyle and how many women are accessible, it shouldn't be that shocking.

"He's a young guy with money, women and fame. It's easy to get sidetracked."

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Celebrity tweets

Sarah Silverman [@SarahKSilverman] Elderly woman in line to baord plane turned around and blew a long silent powerful burp onto my face.

Nicole Richie [@nicolerichie] Even though I'm not Jewish, I wouldn't turn away gifts for the next 8 days. Just putting it out there.

Ben Stiller [@RedHourBen] Best present I probably won't use too often: Limited edition 3D glasses from @justinbieber. Or Bieber's people. We're not sure. Thanks JB.

Talking points

Madge's gym lacks permit?

Just two days after opening, Madonna's first in the gym business venture may be in danger of closing, according to Mexican broadcaster Televisa.

The problem seems to be a missing permit. Authorities say it must be obtained.

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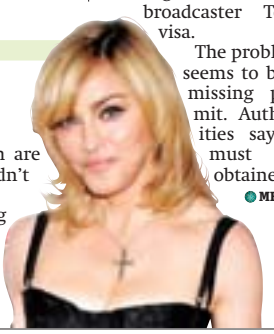

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▶ Popovers are an elegant and satisfying way to serve healthy party food.

Want to lighten up your holiday hors d'oeuvres? Cut out the middle.

Mini cocktail popovers are an elegant and satisfying choice for a healthy party food.

Even though they're satisfyingly eggy and have the irresistible carbs of a baked good, they're hollow in the centre so they pack fewer calories. They also are simple to prepare.

For these cocktail popover variations, a lighter version of the typical popover batter is used.

The recipe starts with skim milk and cuts out some of the egg yolks to trim the fat even further. And while a prudent amount of butter is used to add that unmistakable flavour, half of the standard amount is replaced with healthier extra-virgin olive oil.

For the lightest version, you could offer plain popovers or simply add fresh (or dried) herbs such as chives, tarragon or a blend to the batter.

Another way to boost the flavour is to add a few tablespoons of freshly grated Parmesan cheese and ground black pepper.

Other delicious yet guilt-free variations could include stuffing the popovers with a blend of whipped light cream cheese and chopped smoked salmon or even a piece of steamed asparagus wrapped in prosciutto.

Ingredients:

Batter
- 250 ml (1 cup) skim milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1 large egg white
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter, melted
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt

Olive Cocktail Popovers
- 24 kalamata olives, pitted and chopped

Herbed Cheese Cocktail Popovers
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) light spreadable garlic and herb cheese

Herbed Pepper Cocktail Popovers
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped peppadew or jalapeno peppers (jalapenos will be hotter)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely chopped scallions

Preparation:

1. Start to finish: 40 minutes (10 minutes active). Makes 30 servings.
2. Heat oven to 220 C (425 F). Set 2 mini muffin tins on a baking sheet. Coat tins with cooking spray, then place them (on the baking sheet) into the oven to heat.
3. Meanwhile, to make the batter, in a blender or food processor, combine milk, eggs, egg white, melted butter, olive oil, flour and salt. Blend for 15 seconds. Scrape down the sides of the container, then blend for another 30 seconds.
4. To make olive cocktail popovers, remove muffin tins from the oven and place 1 olive in each cup. Spoon a heaping tablespoon of batter on top of each olive. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until deep golden brown and crisp. Serve immediately.
5. To make herbed cheese cocktail popovers, remove muffin tins from oven and spoon a heaping tablespoon of batter into each cup. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until deep golden brown and crisp. Remove popovers from pans and set on a rack to cool.
When ready to serve, poke a hole in the bottom of each popover. Put cheese in a small sturdy plastic bag. Gather the bag and squeeze the cheese into one corner. With scissors, snip off the tip of the bag and squeeze 5 ml (1 tsp) of the cheese into each popover. Serve immediately.
6. To make herbed pepper popovers, mix peppers and scallions into batter. Remove muffin tins from oven and spoon a heaping tablespoon of batter into each cup. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until deep golden brown and crisp. Remove popovers from pans and set on a rack to cool.

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The key to success: Local foods

Culinary sustainability isn't just the credo for a pair of multi-talented chefs; it is what they practice from season to season.

Dana Ewart and her partner Cameron Smith are making a name for themselves with their catering business, Joy Road Catering, in Penticton, B.C.

But this isn't an ordinary company. The pair rely on local farmers and other suppliers of homegrown ingredients, which they use in abundance.

"We normally shut down when the harvest is over in the fall, but this year we have booked several Christmas parties and other events," says Ewart, 33.

The pair is well prepared for the Christmas events, says Ewart.

The ingredients for just about every canapé and other goody they plan to serve were sourced during previous months.

"We canned and pickled things like heirloom tomatoes, asparagus and green beans, colourful carrots and morels," Ewart says.

For those who might not have been as far-sighted as these two chefs, there are still lots of root vegetables like parsnips, beets and sweet potatoes that home cooks can use if they want to source local ingredients.

"You can do some really glamorous things with beets," Ewart says. "We make a fresh goat cheese and beet terrine."

Ewart makes crepes and uses her own homemade preserves and savoury spreads to fill them.

Here is a sampling of canapés they will be serving at holiday parties: caramelized onion and shallot tart with creme fraiche, bacon and thyme; wild salmon cakes Thai style with red curry and coconut; hot cream of mushroom soup with parsnip chips and bacon served in tiny cups; local pears with tiger blue cheese, honeycomb and hazelnuts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

3 life

Food in brief

Tips for your holiday party:
- For 20 guests, offer eight to 10 easy-to-handle tasty bites. (Six to eight per guest per hour.)
- Try to have preparations done before the guests arrive.
- Aside from alcoholic drinks have festive non-alcoholic alternatives available.

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L'Chaim! More kosher liquors bring Hanukkah cheer this holiday season.

4 sports

Sports in brief

1 The New York Yankees have increased their contract offer to Derek Jeter.

2 First baseman Adam Dunn has reportedly agreed to join the Chicago White Sox.

3 The Toronto Blue Jays signed hard-luck right-hander Dustin McGowan to a one-year deal worth $450,000 US Thursday.
METRO

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LeBron burns Cleveland again

Former Cavs star scores 38 points in his first game back in old city

	1	2	3	4	Final
HEAT	34	29	21	34	118
CAVALIERS	18	23	22	27	90

First the Cleveland fans had their say, then LeBron James answered.

James led a 16-0 first-quarter surge that quieted the boos and abuse of fans who used to call him King, scoring 38 points to lead the Miami Heat to a 118-90 victory over the Cavaliers on Thursday night.

It was James' first game back in the city where he played for seven years before leaving via free agency, angering disbelieving fans who considered him one of their own.

Dwyane Wade added 22 points, James Jones 18 and Chris Bosh 15 for the Heat, a star-studded team which has seldom played like one in going 12-8 so far.

Daniel Gibson scored 21 for the Cavaliers, who have lost six of eight and now play seven of their next eight on the road.

James had 10 more points than Cleveland's starting lineup.

Ahead by 19 at the half, the Heat poured it on by shooting 73 per cent from the field in the third quarter, with James going 10 of 12 and Wade hitting all four of his attempts to stretch the lead to 30 points.

James sat on the bench for all of the fourth quarter, with dozens of security guards and police lining the team's entrance to the court and guarding against objects thrown at him. After the final seconds sifted away, he left without incident.

"We came in here with one goal and that was to win a basketball game, and we did that. This was our most complete game of the season from start to finish."
LEBRON JAMES

Until then, James frequently bantered with his former coaches with the Cavaliers and even talked to fans at courtside. The native of nearby Akron smiled while shooting free throws, in spite of what seemed like the entire arena chanting.

The early spurt left a crowd of 20,562 with nothing left to cheer except James' occasional missed shot. He didn't miss many, finishing 15 of 25 from the field, to go with eight assists and five rebounds.

James, of course, left the Cavaliers this summer to take his act to sunny Miami. Before the game, fans peppered him with obscene chants and booed every time he appeared on the giant monitors over midcourt.

By the end, though, they were quiet.
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▶ LeBron James throws powder in the air Thursday prior to playing the Cavaliers.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Washington	27	18	7	1	1	91	71	38	12-1-0-1	6-6-1-0	6-3-0-1	L1
d-Pittsburgh	27	17	8	2	0	82	64	36	8-5-1-0	9-3-1-0	9-0-1-0	W8
d-Montreal	26	16	8	2	0	68	52	34	9-4-2-0	7-4-0-0	6-3-1-0	W1
Philadelphia	26	15	7	2	2	87	64	34	9-5-0-1	6-2-2-1	5-3-0-2	L3
Tampa Bay	26	14	9	2	1	78	89	31	6-2-1-1	8-7-1-0	6-3-0-1	L1
NY Rangers	27	15	11	1	0	80	74	31	5-7-1-0	10-4-0-0	6-4-0-0	W1
Boston	24	14	8	0	2	70	47	30	5-5-0-2	9-3-0-0	6-3-0-1	W2
Atlanta	26	13	10	1	2	85	80	29	8-5-0-1	5-5-1-1	6-4-0-0	L1
Carolina	24	10	11	0	3	71	78	23	5-5-0-1	5-6-0-2	3-4-0-3	L2
Ottawa	26	11	14	1	0	58	79	23	7-7-0-0	4-7-1-0	3-7-0-0	L2
Buffalo	25	9	13	3	0	62	73	21	4-8-1-0	5-5-1-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Florida	24	10	14	0	0	62	65	20	5-5-0-0	5-9-0-0	3-7-0-0	L2
Toronto	24	8	12	2	2	51	70	20	6-5-2-1	2-7-0-1	3-6-1-0	L4
New Jersey	25	8	15	1	1	46	74	18	4-6-1-1	4-9-0-0	4-5-0-1	L1
NY Islanders	23	5	13	3	2	54	81	15	3-5-1-1	2-8-2-1	1-7-1-1	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	22	16	4	1	1	78	59	34	10-1-1-1	6-3-0-0	8-1-1-0	W3
d-Dallas	24	15	8	0	1	70	63	31	9-3-0-1	6-5-0-0	7-2-0-1	W5
d-Vancouver	23	13	7	1	2	75	61	29	8-2-0-1	5-5-1-1	5-4-1-0	W3
Chicago	27	14	11	1	1	86	79	30	6-7-0-0	8-4-1-1	6-3-0-1	W3
Columbus	23	14	8	0	1	65	57	29	6-6-0-1	8-2-0-0	6-3-0-1	L3
Anaheim	27	13	11	2	1	71	80	29	9-4-0-1	4-7-2-0	4-4-2-0	W3
Los Angeles	24	14	10	0	0	66	60	28	9-2-0-0	5-8-0-0	3-7-0-0	W1
Colorado	24	13	9	2	0	85	74	28	7-4-1-0	5-6-1-0	5-4-1-0	L1
San Jose	24	12	8	4	0	72	68	28	7-4-2-0	5-4-2-0	5-3-2-0	W1
Phoenix	24	12	7	4	1	70	70	28	5-3-2-1	7-4-2-0	8-2-0-0	W1
St. Louis	24	12	9	1	2	63	68	27	8-2-0-1	4-7-1-1	3-6-0-1	L4
Nashville	24	11	8	3	2	58	63	27	4-1-3-2	7-7-0-0	5-3-0-2	W2
Minnesota	24	11	11	0	2	58	69	24	7-6-0-1	4-5-0-1	4-6-0-0	L3
Calgary	25	10	13	1	1	69	76	22	6-6-0-0	4-7-1-1	3-5-1-1	L1
Edmonton	25	9	12	1	3	68	92	22	3-6-0-1	6-6-1-2	5-4-0-1	W3

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Boston 8 Tampa Bay 1
Dallas 2 Washington 1
Edmonton 5 Toronto 0
Los Angeles 3 Florida 2
Montreal 5 New Jersey 1
N.Y. Rangers 6 N.Y. Islanders 5
Pittsburgh 3 Atlanta 2
San Jose 4 Ottawa 0
Wednesday's results
Edmonton 4 Montreal 3 (OT)
Vancouver 7 Calgary 2
Anaheim 5 Florida 3
Boston 3 Philadelphia 0
Nashville 4 Columbus 3 (SO)
Phoenix 4 Minnesota 2
Washington 4 St. Louis 1
Tonight's games
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

OILERS 5 MAPLE LEAFS 0

First Period
1. Edmonton, Eberle 5 (Whitney) 3:10
Penalties — MacIntyre Edm, Orr Tor (fighting) 9:31, Gilbert Edm (roughing) 10:09, Whitney Edm (holding) 13:50.
Second Period
2. Edmonton, Hall 7 (Eberle) 6:24
3. Edmonton, Gagner 8 (Paajarvi, Jones) 19:57
Penalties — Cogliano Edm (tripping) 11:29, Schenn Tor (holding) 14:44.
Third Period
4. Edmonton, Hall 8 (Horcoff, Eberle) 16:55
5. Edmonton, Jones 5 (Whitney) 17:29
Penalties — Peckham Edm (tripping) 5:23, Crabb Tor (holding) 7:39, Jones Edm (high-sticking) 10:07, Kadri Tor (hooking) 11:41, Komisarek Tor (cross-checking) 19:35.
Shots on goal by

Edmonton	4	8	7	19
Toronto	12	11	10	33

Goal (shots-saves) — Edmonton: Khabibulin (W,5-10-1); Toronto: Gustavsson (L,3-7-2)(6-4), Giguere (6:24 of the second)(13-11).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Edmonton: 0-4; Toronto: 0-5.
Referees — Chris Ciamaga, Dave Jackson.
Linesmen — David Brisebois, Michel Cormier.
Attendance — 19,465 at Toronto.

CANADIENS 5 DEVILS 1

First Period
1. Montreal, B.Gionta 8 (Hamrlik, Plekanec) 0:11
2. Montreal, Eller 2, 1:38
Missed penalty shot — Plekanec Mon, 7:27.
Penalty — Hamrlik Mtl (hooking) 3:18.
Second Period
3. Montreal, Pyatt 1 (Lapierre, Halpern) 2:30
4. Montreal, Gomez 4 (Weber, Cammalleri) 8:37 (pp)
5. Montreal, Pouliot 6 (Eller, Hamrlik) 9:57
Penalties — Fayne NJ (tripping) 7:38, Hamrlik Mtl, Eller Mtl (tripping) 17:06.
Third Period
6. New Jersey, Arnott 9 (Elias, Zubrus) 8:18
Penalty — C.White NJ (high-sticking) 10:39.
Shots on goal by

Montreal	14	10	8	32
New Jersey	11	11	6	28

Goal (shots-saves) — Montreal: Price (W,15-7-2); New Jersey: Hedberg (L,4-4-1)(3-1), McKenna (1:38 first)(29-26).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Montreal: 1-2; New Jersey: 0-3.
Referees — Ghislain Hebert, Mike Leggo.
Linesmen — Jean Morin, Derek Amell.
Attendance — 11,434 (17,625) at Newark, N.J.

SAN JOSE 4, SENATORS 0

First Period
1. San Jose, Marleau 11 (Boyle, Thornton) 12:49 (pp)
Penalties — Moore SJ (delay of game) 8:28, Gonchar Ott (hooking) 11:53, Boyle SJ (interference) 18:42
Second Period
2. San Jose, Braun 1 (Heatley) 8:22(pp)
Penalties — Heatley SJ (high sticking) 4:45, Foligno Ott (hooking) 7:01
Third Period
3. San Jose, Couture 9 (Ferriero, Clowe) :35
4. San Jose, Couture 10 (Clowe) 6:14
Penalties— Boyle SJ, Neil Ott (roughing) 4:23
Shots on goal by

San Jose	11	9	13—33
Ottawa	13	9	6—28

Goal (shots-saves) — San Jose: Niemi: (W, 4-5-1); Ottawa: Leclaire: (L, 1-6-1)
Power plays (goals-chances) — San Jose: 2-2; Ottawa: 0-3
Referees — Stephen Walcom, Ian Walsh
Linesmen — Steve Barton, Scott Cherrey
Att. — 18,017 (19,153) at Ottawa.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Crosby, Pgh	18	23	41
Stamkos, TB	21	19	40
Ovechkin, Wash	10	23	33
Semin, Wash	18	13	31
St. Louis, TB	10	21	31
Backstrom, Wash	11	19	30
Sharp, Chi	16	13	29
H.Sedin, Vcr	2	27	29
D.Sedin, Vcr	14	14	28
Perry, Ana	12	16	28
E.Staal, Car	12	16	28
B.Richards, Dal	11	17	28
P.Kane, Chi	11	16	27
Byfuglien, Atl	10	17	27
Datsyuk, Det	8	19	27
Getzlaf, Ana	8	19	27
Hejduk, Col	8	19	27
Heatley, SJ	12	13	25

Not including last night's games

GOLF

PGA TOUR Q-SCHOOL

At Winter Garden, Fla.
p-Panther Lake Course (7,223 yards; par-71—35-36); c-Crooked Cat Course (7,493 yards; par-72—36-36)

Chris Baryla	**72p-61c—133**
Ben Martin	66p-68c—134
Kyle Stanley	65c-70p—135
Sunghoon Kang	68c-67p—135
Josh Geary	69c-67p—136
Seung Ho Lee	69c-67p—136
James Driscoll	68p-68c—136
Carlos Franco	70p-66c—136
Cameron Tringale	69p-67c—136
Charles Warren	70p-67c—137
Brandt Jobe	72p-65c—137
Matt McQuillan	**70p-67c—137**
Billy Mayfair	69p-69c—138
Kent Jones	70c-68p—138
Jarrod Lyle	70c-68p—138
Zack Miller	70p-68c—138
Jeff Quinney	74c-65p—139
Danny Wax	69c-70p—139
Scott Weatherly	67c-72p—139
Gary Woodland	71c-68p—139
Roberto Castro	71c-68p—139
J.J. Killeen	71c-68p—139
Brian Bateman	70p-69c—139
Bio Kim	70p-70c—140
Also	
Richard T. Lee	**71p-71c—142**
Matthew Richardson	**74c-69p—143**
Jon Mills	**75p-71c—146**
Ted Brown	**71c-78p—149**
David McKenzie	**75c-74p—149**

PGA CHEVRON WORLD CHALLENGE

At Thousand Oaks, Calif.
Par 72
First Round

Tiger Woods	32-33—65
Rory McIlroy	33-33—66
Graeme McDowell	32-34—66
Dustin Johnson	33-36—69
Stewart Cink	35-34—69

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Sydney
Par 72
First Round

Matthew Griffin, Australia	31-34—65
John Senden, Australia	33-33—66
Alistair Presnell, Australia	36-31—67
Bronson La'Cassie, Australia	34-34—68
Marc Leishman, Australia	33-35—68
Also	
Ronald Harvey, Sussex, N.B.	**37-36—73**

NEDBANK CHALLENGE

At Sun City, South Africa
Par 72
First Round

Padraig Harrington, Ireland	34-32—66
Ross Fisher, England	33-34—67
Lee Westwood, England	35-33—68
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	35-34—69
Justin Rose, England	33-37—70

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	14	4	.778	—
New York	10	9	.526	4½
Toronto	7	11	.389	7
New Jersey	6	13	.316	8½
Philadelphia	5	13	.278	9

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	14	4	.778	—
Atlanta	12	7	.632	2½
Miami	12	8	.600	3
Charlotte	6	12	.333	8
Washington	5	12	.294	8½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	9	7	.563	—
Indiana	9	8	.529	½
Cleveland	7	11	.389	3
Milwaukee	6	12	.333	4
Detroit	6	13	.316	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	15	3	.833	—
Dallas	14	4	.778	1
New Orleans	13	5	.722	2
Memphis	8	11	.421	7½
Houston	6	12	.333	9

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	15	5	.750	—
Oklahoma City	13	6	.684	1½
Denver	11	6	.647	2½
Portland	8	10	.444	6
Minnesota	4	14	.222	10

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	13	6	.684	—
Phoenix	9	9	.500	3½
Golden State	8	11	.421	5
Sacramento	4	12	.250	7½
L.A. Clippers	4	15	.211	9

Last night's results
Miami 118 Cleveland 90
Phoenix 107 Golden State 101
Wednesday's results
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Toronto 127 Washington 108
Boston 99 Portland 95
Miami 97 Detroit 72
Orlando 107 Chicago 78
New Orleans 89 Charlotte 73
Dallas 100 Minnesota 86
Houston 109 L.A. Lakers 99
Denver 105 Milwaukee 94
Utah 110 Indiana 88
L.A. Clippers 90 San Antonio 85
Tonight's games
New Jersey at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Portland at Washington, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Memphis, 8 p.m.
New York at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Atlanta at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	16	142	130	437	27.3
Bryant, LAL	19	171	138	507	26.7
Rose, CHI	15	149	69	387	25.8
Nowitzki, DAL	18	169	96	447	24.8
Westbrook, OKC	19	152	157	467	24.6

Not including last night's games

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Declined to tender a contract to RHP Matt Albers.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Exercised their 2011 option on the contract of SS Alexei Ramirez. Declined to tender contracts to RHP Bobby Jenks and LHP Erick Threets.
DETROIT TIGERS — Declined to tender a contract to RHP Zach Miner.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Agreed to terms with INF Russ Canzler, INF J.J. Furmaniak, RHP Richard De Los Santos, RHP Cory Wade and LHP R.J. Swindle on minor league contracts. Promoted Mark Vinson to assistant trainer.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP Dustin McGowan on a one-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ATLANTA BRAVES — Declined to tender a contract to OF Matt Diaz. Agreed to terms with INF/OF Eric Hinske on a one-year contract.
CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with INF Jeff Baker on a one-year contract.
FLORIDA MARLINS — Agreed to terms with RHP Javier Vazquez on a one-year contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Declined to tender a contract to RHP Sammy Gervacio.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Released RHP Dinesh Patel, RHP Sheng-Cin Hong and 1B Chih-Wei Hsu.

FOOTBALL

NFL

BUFFALO BILLS — Placed DE Dwan Edwards on injured reserve. Signed TE Mike Caussin.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed RB Josh Vaughan to the practice squad. Released RB Jeremiah Johnson from the practice squad.
DETROIT LIONS — Placed PK Jason Hanson on injured reserve. Signed CB Tye Hill.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Placed G Stephen Neal on injured reserve.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Placed QB Bruce Gradkowski on injured reserve. Signed QB J.T. O'Sullivan.

CFL

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed DE Odell Willis to a contract extension.

HOCKEY

NHL

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Reassigned F Josh Brittain from Syracuse (AHL) to Elmira (ECHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Assigned D Nikita Nikitin to Peoria (AHL).
VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Assigned F Alexandre Bolduc to Manitoba (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Signed D Brett Flemming to a three-year contract.

AHL

HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Recalled D David Urquhart from Wheeling (ECHL).
SYRACUSE CRUNCH — Assigned F John Kurtz to Elmira (ECHL).

ECHL

UTAH GRIZZLIES — Activated D Matt Sorteberg, D Brian Kilburg and F Michael Gergen. Announced D Ric Jackman has accepted an offer to play in Europe.

SOCCER

MLS

D.C. UNITED — Announced they will not exercise options on D Barry Rice, D Juan Manuel Pe?a, M Brandon Barklage and M Carlos Varela.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	2	0	.818	334	266
N.Y. Jets	9	2	0	.818	264	187
Miami	6	5	0	.545	205	225
Buffalo	2	9	0	.182	229	295
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	282	252
Jacksonville	6	5	0	.545	240	294
Tennessee	5	6	0	.455	257	218
Houston	5	7	0	.417	288	321
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	8	3	0	.727	250	188
Pittsburgh	8	3	0	.727	254	181
Cleveland	4	7	0	.364	216	229
Cincinnati	2	9	0	.182	225	288
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Kansas City	7	4	0	.636	285	231
San Diego	6	5	0	.545	310	225
Oakland	5	6	0	.455	255	256
Denver	3	8	0	.273	250	323

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	344	281
N.Y. Giants	7	4	0	.636	277	240
Washington	5	6	0	.455	215	262
Dallas	3	8	0	.273	256	301
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Atlanta	9	2	0	.818	276	209
New Orleans	8	3	0	.727	265	197
Tampa Bay	7	4	0	.636	219	223
Carolina	1	10	0	.091	140	276
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Chicago	8	3	0	.727	222	172
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636	269	166
Minnesota	4	7	0	.364	189	239
Detroit	2	9	0	.182	258	282
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Seattle	5	6	0	.455	209	275
St. Louis	5	6	0	.455	213	231
San Francisco	4	7	0	.364	187	225
Arizona	3	8	0	.273	194	319

WEEK 13

Last night's result
Philadelphia 34 Houston 24
Sunday's games
All times Eastern
San Francisco at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Carolina at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 6
N.Y. Jets at New England, 8:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NCAA

AP TOP 25

(All times Eastern)
Tonight's game
No. 24 Northern Illinois vs. Miami (Ohio) at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
No. 1 Oregon at Oregon State, 3:30 p.m.
No. 2 Auburn vs. **No. 18** South Carolina at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
No. 9 Boise State vs. Utah State, 3 p.m.
No. 10 Oklahoma vs. **No. 13** Nebraska at Arlington, Texas, 8 p.m.
No. 12 Virginia Tech vs. **No. 20** Florida State at Charlotte, N.C, 7:45 p.m.
No. 14 Nevada at Louisiana Tech, 3 p.m.
No. 23 West Virginia vs. Rutgers, Noon
No. 25 Hawaii vs. UNLV, 10:30 p.m.

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Miller steps down as Riders head coach

Ken Miller says the decision had been brewing for more than a year.

But that didn't make Thursday's announcement that he was stepping down as head coach of the Saskatchewan Roughriders any easier.

"This decision is very emotionally charged for me, a difficult decision," the 69-year-old Miller said during a news conference at Mosaic Stadium. "But even though it's emotional and difficult, it was not a decision made emotionally. It was a decision that was made through objective and rational thought."

Miller, who announced the decision just days after the Riders were defeated by the Montreal Alouettes in the Grey Cup, said a lot of his reasons are personal and family-related.

"In addition to that, I think in the test of time it will prove to be in the best interest of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, an organization that I truly, truly love," said Miller.

Miller plans to remain on as the club's vice-president of football operations, and will lead the search for a new head coach.

Miller became the Roughriders' 27th head coach on Feb. 6, 2008 and led the team to a 32-21-1 regular-season record during his tenure.

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▶ Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin greets the Russian delegation in Zurich.

To Russia with love

FIFA goes into uncharted territory, handing 2018 World Cup to Russia and 2022 to Qatar

FIFA sent the World Cup into uncharted territory Thursday, handing the 2018 edition to Russia and going to Qatar in 2022.

Russia's selection came despite the no-show of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, but his influence still had an impact on FIFA's 22 voters as the bid won over England, Spain-Portugal and Belgium-Netherlands.

Qatar brings the World Cup to the smallest host ever, but one that has unparalleled financial clout to stage the world's biggest single-sport event. It overcame objections about holding the games in desert heat. It beat the United States in the final round of voting 14-8.

"We go to new lands," FIFA president Sepp Blatter said.

Often derided as a conservative organization, the decisions were a big gamble for FIFA, which could have gone for assured sporting and commercial success by handing the event to England and the United States.

Yet despite some criticism in FIFA study reports last month of the Russian and Qatar bids, it decided to go deep into Eastern Europe and right into the Persian Gulf.

Following corruption allegations that led to two of the 24 FIFA executive committee members being excluded from the vote, the daring decisions that challenged conventional knowledge are bound to be controversial.

England was eliminated in the first round of 2018 voting, earning only two of the 22 votes. In the second round, Russia won an absolute majority with 13 votes.

"It is a great victory," Russian bid CEO Alexey Sorokin said.

Putin immediately hopped on a plane to Zurich to congratulate the bid team after hearing the result.

After three days of high anxiety when England sent Prime Minister David Cameron, Prince William and David Beckham for intense lobbying and the United States counted on the aura of former president Bill Clinton, none were a match for the novelty promised by Qatar and Russia.

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Crossword

Across

1 Group character
6 Craze
9 Prescription safety org.
12 Make minor adjustments
13 Honest politician
14 Botanical bristle
15 Hidden store
16 Fastened a seat belt
18 Persian Gulf land
20 Capri or Wight
21 Cowboy's sweetie
23 Resort
24 Undoes deles
25 Newspaper page
27 Cove
29 Enact
31 Ms. Franklin
35 Possibly could
37 Apprehend
38 Macho type
41 — glance
43 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
44 "Oh, woe!"
45 Man with all the answers?
47 Drunk
49 Swelling
52 Sch. group
53 Pink-slip
54 Oft-dunked treats
55 Ever-green type
56 Peak (Abbr.)
57 13-Across' in-laws

Down

1 List-ending abbr.
2 Old "Up, up and away" carrier
3 Badgered a performer
4 Hawaiian island
5 Distorts
6 "Turn Me Loose" singer
7 Touch
8 Calendar abbr.
9 Untrue
10 Lived
11 Llamas' range
17 One of a nursery rhyme trio
19 Mimicry
21 Sticky stuff
22 Auto financing abbr.
24 Sun. speech
26 Reversible fabric
28 Coffee-house order
30 "There's no — team"
32 Took on
33 With it
34 — carte
36 Solidify
38 Glad
39 Upper crust
40 Colorful parrot
42 Monk's superior
45 Libretto
46 Modern-day money
48 Felon's flight
50 Deity
51 Curvy character

▶ Yesterday's answer

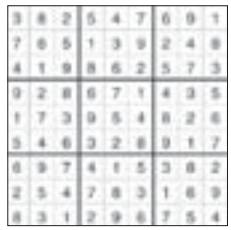
Sudoku

	8		4		5		7	
		5	9		3	4		
	2	9				3	5	
			6		8			
5								4
			3		1			
	5	2				7	8	
		1	2		9	6		
	6		5		7		4	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶



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Kristen, You are my everything my anything. All that I know and all that I want. Without you I am nothing with you I am everything. Alone we are weak together we can last forever. **STEFANO**

Hi shabola, kisses from the mokhayam, happy 10 years!!

Today's horoscope

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Something out of the ordinary will happen today, something you will enjoy immensely, but don't just stand there admiring your luck – use it to create even more good things for yourself in the future

♉ Taurus April 21-May What happens over the next 24 hours may take you by surprise but it will be one of those surprises that work in your favor, so be ready for it.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The direct approach is by far the best approach today, so let everyone know how you feel and what they can do to make you feel even better.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Shake up your everyday routine. Use Mars in the work area of your chart to get on top of your chores. Do everything at double quick time

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Do something that takes those you live, work and do business with by surprise – and if it shocks them too then so much the better. You're a Leo and people expect you to be a bit outrageous

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Before you open your mouth and give your opinion on one of the burning issues of the day stop for a moment and think what the consequences might be.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Boredom is a cardinal sin and you will do whatever it takes to liven things up a bit today. Practical jokes will go down well with those who are watching

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Whatever you do today there will be someone who disapproves. Do you care? Of course not.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Mars in your sign, at odds with Uranus, makes you want to tear up what you are doing and start again from scratch. But is that wise?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You will get the chance to change something today, something you wish you had changed a long time ago. This time you won't waste the opportunity. This time you will be bold and see it through. This time you won't chicken out.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
There are so many good causes out there that would benefit from your input, but you cannot possibly help them all. What is it that you most want to change in the world? How can you do that? So do it. Now.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 It's not true that you never take chances and you'll go out of your way to prove it today as Mars, planet of action, links to Uranus, planet of changes. It's time to stir things up a bit.

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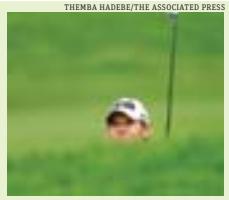

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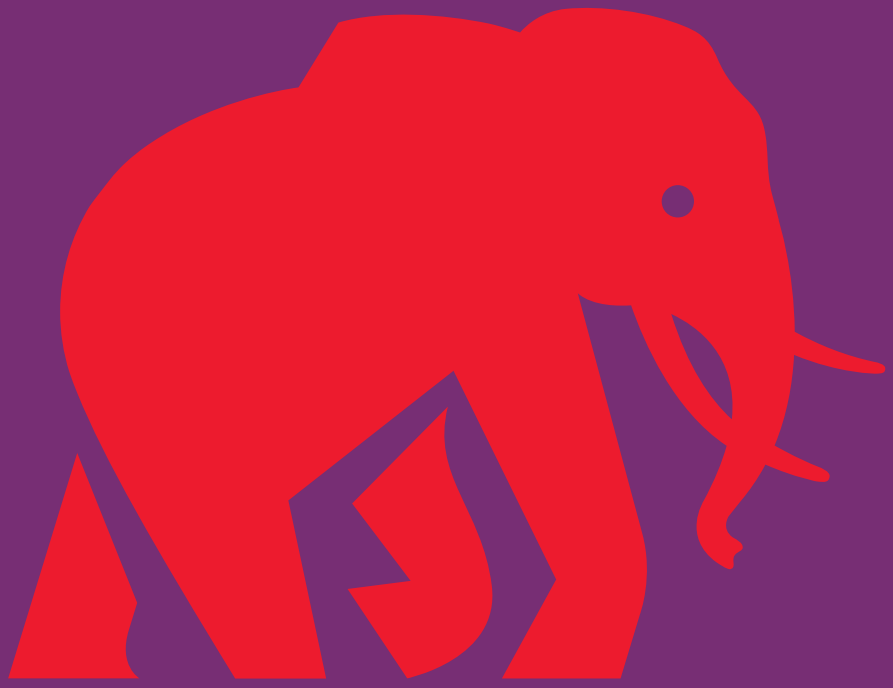

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